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In re Patent Application of

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For: **PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING A PRINTING SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: 2622

Examiner: Arthur G. Evans

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The information is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Continued examination is requested and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) accompanies the present submission.

The documents were cited in an Office Action in a corresponding Japanese application. For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the Office Action and a Preliminary Notice of Rejection are also being submitted.

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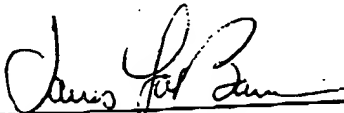
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Preliminary Notice of Rejection.

The preset invention is rejected based on the following Ground.

Ground: The invention as claimed in claims 1 to 4, 5, 6 is deemed to have been obvious to those skilled in the art from the following published document(s) made available prior to the effective filing date of this application and is, therefore, deemed unpatentable under Sec. 2 of Art. 29 of the Patent Law.

REF.1: Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 9-244860

REF.2: Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. 9-141977

The invention of claims 1 to 3, 5, 6 has been obvious to those skilled in the art in view of REF.1. See lines 15 to 20 of REF.1.

The invention of claim 4 has been obvious to those skilled in the art in view of the combined references REF.1 and REF.2. See paragraph [0026] and Fig.11.